

FROM THE FIELD.

Illinois Welcome.

In last week's EVANGELIST, Bro. Z. T. Livengood asks why Illinois can't take part in the Iowa convention.

God bless you my dear brother, I will say with all my heart, the Illinois churches can, if they wish, come right along and take a full share in convention. Brother S. Cain has set the time, Sept. 2nd, at Enon, three miles south of Waterloo, Iowa. This time was set on account that I am going West to hold meetings. But after due consideration, I think the time will be too short. Would not the tenth of October suit better? By that time a program can be arranged, and perhaps arrangements for reduced fair rates on rail roads can be had. Please let us know.

J. NICHOLSON.

Johnstown, Pa.

As I have been so very busy since I began my pastoral work here again, have neglected writing or reporting from here as should have been. We are still worshipping in Bro. Cobaugh's hall. Services every Sabbath at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m., and at every meeting we are greeted with a large and attentive audience. I am glad to state that the Brethren church in Johnstown is very highly respected by the various denominations, and frequently many will neglect going to their own church and attend the Dunkards, as it is termed here. It went by that name before the division in the church and it always has retained the same here.

The church house is being repaired as rapidly as possible. The great trouble now is to get the workmen, as everybody apparently is calling for carpenters, plasterers, bricklayers, etc., so we are compelled to wait until we just happen to find some idle. The end of the house is now built up, and some of the windows which were sent away to get repaired have been returned and again put in. The windows of the upper story are not yet back, and this leaves that room open. The plastering of the church remains yet to be done and we are fearful that cold weather will come upon us ere we can get the workmen to do it, but we are doing the very best we can in every respect to have the church repaired for services so that the praises of God may again be heard resounding from her walls. The place of our present worship is a very clean and convenient room, and certainly we should feel very grateful toward our good, esteemed and highly respected brother for the use of it, for where else could we have gone to worship?

Our city is rapidly rebuilding. It scarcely looks like the same place that it did either before or after the great disaster. We think in a few years it will be a grander and more beautiful city than it ever was. The many buildings that are now going up will be replaced by larger and more costly ones before long.

We held our quarterly business meeting last Wednesday evening and a part of the business transacted was two delegates elected to attend our State convention, which is to be held in Mason-town, Pa., on the 13th, 14th and 15th of Sep. The writer being

elected as ministerial delegate, and Sister Daniel Crofford as the lay delegate. We look forward to our convention as one of interest and importance, and hope there will be a good turnout among our brethren of this state and all others desiring to come. Our S. S. Convention will be held at the same place, the two days preceding the State Ministerial Convention.

We should all feel interested in our church work and lend a helping hand to aid every effort that is put forth to advance our beloved Zion.

J. B. RITTIGERS.

Chronicles.

When recovering from my recent spell of sickness, being just able to walk about some, I attempted to cross a board fence and in my effort to step over the top, when I threw my weight on the board on which I stood, the fence gave way and I fell with my breast on the post. The fall stunned me considerably but I did not anticipate any serious injury, and as soon as I felt at all able, went to fill my appointments near Goshen, but I soon found that talking had a strong tendency to irritate the bruised place and create pain and distress. I got along as best I could until Sunday the 18th when I was released from the work by the kindness of brethren Pliny Irwin and J. C. Cripe. On Monday evening we had a pleasant communion service at the Indian Creek Church.

Having learned that the brethren in Elkhart City were expecting me to preach for them in the Methodist Church this week, then on next Sunday in the city park, Brother H. Smith took me down on Tuesday the 21st, and I talked about 30 minutes in the evening which so irritated the bruise causing pain about the heart that I could hardly sleep that night. The following morning I was examined by Dr. Turner who advised me by all means to refrain from work and keep as still as possible for awhile. He said as the bruise was directly over the heart if inflammation should take place it would cause serious difficulty, so I started home last evening and arrived at Bro. L. W. Ditch's at about one o'clock this morning, called him out and lodged with them for the rest of the night and a while after sunrise this morning, after which Bro. D. bugged me home where I am now writing this article. I feel middling well this evening, and hope with good care I can soon be about work again.

I have just been reading the EVANGELIST of this week and I would like to congratulate our brother editor upon the article under the caption, 'Bible Regeneration.' There is only too much truth in it. Whenever people can get out of the popish notion of the 'intermediate state,' (that I suppose means the very peculiar living-dead state of the dead that never die) and can understand that we come into being by birth and go out by death and come into everlasting being by rebirth (resurrection in Christ) which can only be represented by conversion, there would not be so much foolishness about 'getting religion' and about being 'born of the spirit and now' and 'ready to go to heaven right off,' etc. They would then be will-

ing to take Christ at his word and live to die, and be satisfied to die to live forever at the right hand of God. They could then exult in singing the following lines:

'A charge to keep I have,
A God to glorify,
A precious, dying soul to save,
To live with Christ on high.
J. H. SWIHART.

Adrian, Mo.

Aug. 19.—I just closed a series of seven sermons near here. Immediate result, two baptized. Some thought we ought to continue the meetings as conviction seemed to settle on others; but circumstances were such that we could not well do so.

On Saturday evening before the third Sunday of Sept., there will be communion service here. Hope we will have some ministerial help at that time.

Our pastoral labors with the church at Adrian will close on the third Sunday of Sept. It is possible that such relation may be renewed.

In our last Trans Missouri Flashes the sense was destroyed in one of the items. We meant to say that our Mission Board should continue meetings near Kansas City, instead of 'near us,' as the EVANGELIST makes us say.

W. J. H. BAUMAN.

The Work in Illinois.

In looking over the field of religious work, I find our own State, Ill., sadly in the rear. To my knowledge only two ministers reside in the state: J. M. Deitz and myself. What can be done for the cause here? Who will give us a plan? Is it a very important question? If you have nothing better to think about, think over the matter and help us. I should like to see a half dozen good efficient ministers permanently located in our State. We are not discouraged but encouraged. Three united with us today at our regular service and more will follow. In order to keep the church out of mischief, let her be actively engaged in missionary work. Some congregations have several preachers and some none. Can't we have a better division of forces? We hope to add materially to the situation before long. Our new church in Milledgeville will soon be ready for services. This will make two churches we have built and have one rented.

Z. T. LIVENGOOD.

Lanark, Ill., Aug. 18, '89.

Comments and News.

The editor of the EVANGELIST says when harvest is over and you have money do not forget the publisher and pay your subscription. This ought to be done whether harvest is over or not. The publisher needs his money or he would not write as he does. Perhaps some agents are waiting on those who have subscribed to pay up, and the subscribers are waiting for the agents to call. Go to work at once; do not let one month pass by until every cent is paid. The EVANGELIST has a better right than it had some time ago. I believe our brother editor is doing what he can to make the EVANGELIST characteristic of its name. We want a paper, bearing the impress of the blessed Christ, that we can recommend to our neighbors.

My evangelistic work will commence in the town of Mar-

cus, Iowa, Sept. 5, '89. From there I go to Grove Station, some fifty miles north of Marcus.

I preached at Waverly Jet., on Saturday evening, the 10th, also Sunday the 11th, morning and evening inst., in Bro. John Hostetler's place. Bro. John was present on Sunday morning and evening. This is a newly organized Brethren church as described by Hostetler and Wise in the EVANGELIST. The church has a splendid Sunday School in good working order. Prayer meetings are held every Wednesday night. Bro. Hostetler is their pastor. He preaches for them every two weeks. They esteem him very much. The membership of this church is quite intelligent, full of zeal for the cause of Christ. I believe I do not know a Brethren church anywhere that has a better prospect for a revival meeting than this church at Waverly Jet. Bro. Hostetler says, they will hold a meeting some time in December. He thinks Bro. H. Wise will return about that time and help him hold a meeting. Brethren J. Hostetler and H. Wise have done a noble work at this place for the Master. God has given them souls for their hire. This little Zion is made up of noble-hearted, loving, Christian people. Nothing seems too hard for them when duty calls to work for Christ. They invite their neighbors and friends to their meetings. That is right brethren; make every body feel at home when they come to your meeting. God bless you. Amen.

J. NICHOLSON.

Hudson, Iowa, Aug. 18.

Jones Mills Items.

Very True, Bro. Editor.—Some of us at least were harvesting and you know it we labor hard from sun up until sun down our bodies are very tired and while the mind may act freely, yet the body is too tired to write and we go to rest to prepare the body for another day's work. The time will shortly come (but not in this life) when the body will rest and the spirit, (mind) will act independent of the body.

A Good Time.—The other day while we were busy at work oiling harness, Bro. D. C. Christner, of Philadelphia, came in upon us unexpectedly and took us by surprise, and while my heart welcomed him my hands were scarcely presentable. He gave us a very pleasant visit and we had a nice time together. He is very sociable and entertaining in his way. He is sound in the faith and doctrine of the Bible, and in the principles of the Brethren church, has a deep interest in her welfare. We have known him for several years past, his home having once been in this valley, and we know him to be a conscientious, zealous and self-sacrificing minister and brother. We bespeak for him a welcome among our brethren wherever he may chance to stop, and churches desiring a pastor would do well to correspond with him.

He preached for us on Sabbath evening, Aug. 11th. He is journeying westward in view of regaining his health.

Bro. P. Lohr, of Stauffer was in company with Bro. Christner and seemed to enjoy his visit very much.

Bro. J. W. Smouse was our

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OUR CHURCH.

Bro. W. W. Summers is becoming very successful in revival work.

Bro. T. J. Fahrney anticipates that a good work will be done in Maryland this fall and winter.

Prof. W. A. Wallace gave a lecture upon the dispensations, at the College last Lord's day.

We are in the midst of a glorious revival. Sinners are being converted and the power of God seems to be in our midst. Praise the Lord.—Wm. W. Summers.

Our workers are so much engaged in gathering in the harvest that they are not able to do much work in the field, and this makes the news scarce.

Bro. I. D. Bowman returned from Louisville, Ohio, Monday, accompanied by Bro. D. C. Christner. Next week we shall have something to say about his visit.

Sister M. M. Sterling writes: Those coming to our Convention from the west had better take the boat up the Monongahela and get off at McClain's landing.

Sister Anna Poffenberger, treasurer of the Sister's Endeavor, of St. James, Maryland, sends us \$7.50 for the Johnstown brethren, which is the donation of the Endeavor which she represents.

A synopsis of the sermon preached at the funeral of Sister Emma Weaver of the Bear Creek church, has been sent in for publication. It will appear next week. The funeral took place on the 20th.

Bro. W. L. Stahl writes that he is now in Beatrice, Neb., making the acquaintance of brethren residing there. He has engaged to teach a nine months school near Lawrence, Neb. We wish our brother much success.

Bro. T. Fahrney writes us that Eld. E. B. Shaver was to commence a meeting to last about three weeks, at Williamson, Pa., last week. This church is yet in its infant history and we are glad to learn of Bro. Shaver's engagement there.

Bro. R. Z. Replogle, one of the Johnstown sufferers, writes that he is living in a house with nothing except the studding and weatherboarding for a wall or side. This no doubt seems hard after a home of modern comforts. How soon earthly comforts may flee away!

Bro. J. C. Ewing is heard from again. He writes that the Hymnody can be had only in board covers, and his address is now Alexandria, Alabama. Persons ordering books should remit cash with order, by money orders. Sister Ewing has been afflicted with blindness, but is recovering, we are glad to know.

We claim to be a progressive people, but this does not imply that we are smarter than other people, that our writers must write better than other people, that we must publish a paper superior to any other, etc. We are to do the best we can, free ourselves of bigotry and merit the approval of God more than the praise of man.

The D. M. Osborn M'fg. Co., of Auburn, N. Y., through their general agent, Mr. J. M. Summers, of Teumcha, Neb., has this day, Aug. 23, 1889, presented to Eld. S. P. Stevens, one new Mowing machine, the same to be sold and proceeds given to the new Progressive Brethren church of Beatrice, Neb.—P. S. Stevens, Pastor.

Our love feast will be held at Adrian, Pa., on the 21st of Sept. Services on the 19th and 20th. We invite Brethren of other congregations to be with us. The feast will be held in the Brush Valley church. A special invitation is extended to ministerial Brethren to be present and assist us.—J. M. Reigard, Pastor.